

# MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It has certainly been a chilly one this week but this has not deterred the children! It has been lovely seeing the children enjoy their playtimes in the crisp, winter sun. I have also seen some amazing writing and art work this week too.

### Goodbye Rolo

One of our Guinea pigs died peacefully in his sleep this week. While this is very sad, Rolo was a much loved part of our Mill Rythe Junior School who brought so much joy to us all.

A huge thank you to all of our school community who looked after Rolo over the many years. I have shared this news with the whole school today in assembly so your child may wish to talk to you about this. A huge thank you to Vets 4 Pets who have provided us with paw prints and a packet of sunflower seeds to plant in his memory. Our Gardening Club will be planting the seeds in the garden when the weather is a little warmer.

### Pastoral Coffee Morning

Just a reminder Mrs Mott and Mrs Ginn will be holding a coffee afternoon at 2pm Friday of next week. We would love to see you!

### School Communication

You will remember in my last newsletter that we are interested in seeking your views about the methods of communication used at Mill Rythe Junior School. The date of the coffee morning is: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10am. Ahead of this meeting an online survey will go out to all parents, so our working families can also have an opportunity to feedback. Please pop this in your diaries.

### Attendance

Attendance continues to be a high priority at Mill Rythe Junior School. In our latest OFSTED report this was identified as excellent and together, we need to continue to ensure this remains the case. Pupil progress is dependent on pupils attending school. We always listen to pupils' worries and seek to solve problems. There is a new government initiative to drive pupil attendance called Moments Matters, Attendance Counts (please see the documents attached to this newsletter). Well done to all of the children who received 100% attendance over the last half term!

### Swimming

It is amazing that we have a pool on our school site and, that as part of our curriculum offer, children swim well beyond the recommended 10 hours during their primary education. Being able to swim and water safety is an essential skill, particularly as many children live on the Island. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit on their allocated swimming day as swimming lessons are not optional. If you are unable to provide your child with a kit, we can help.

### Board Games

Do you have board games collecting dust? Or have your children moved on to something new? If so, please consider donating them to our school so that we can either use them at lunchtimes or pass them on to other families in our school. Board games can be handed in at the Office.

### Class Assemblies

The first of our class assemblies takes place next week. We look forward to seeing you.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Mrs Maxwell

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25.01.2024 @ 9am 4B Class Assembly  
25.01.2024 Year 5 visit to Winchester Science Museum  
26.01.2024 @ 2pm Pastoral Coffee Afternoon  
31.01.2024 Parents' Evening (Year 6 SATS information session at 4pm and 6pm)  
01.02.2024 Parents' Evening (Year 6 SATS information session at 4pm and 6pm)  
01.02.2024 @ 3pm 6C Class Assembly  
01.02.2024 @ 9am 4S Class Assembly  
05.02.2024 @ 9am 5F Class Assembly  
06.02.2024 @ 9am 3W Class Assembly  
07.02.2024 @ 9am 6G Class Assembly  
07.02.2024 @ 9am Year 6 School Nursing Team visit  
07.02.2024 @ 2pm Maths Workshop for Parents and Carers  
08.02.2024 @ 9am 3G Class Assembly  
08.02.2024 @ 3pm 3C Class Assembly  
09.02.2024 @ 9am 5H Class Assembly  
23.02.2024 LOVE Day: Love of Living Things

### Half Term 12.02.2024 – 16.02.2024

19.02.2024 Back to school. First day back after half term  
07.03.24 World Book Day  
12.03.2024 @ 2pm Vision and Values Workshop for parents  
14.03.2024 @2pm Pastoral Coffee Afternoon  
19.03.2024 Year 6 Bikeability  
20.03.2024 Year 6 Bikeability  
21.03.2024 Year 6 Bikeability  
28.03.2024 Last day of the spring term

### Easter Holidays 29.03.2024 – 12.04.2024

AWESOME ATTENDANCE  
Class: 4S

INSET DAY  
3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

### House Points For the week

Hardy: 1157  
Nelson: 1062  
Trafalgar: 1187  
Victory: 1037